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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Zeki B. Bulbul)
Serial No.: 10/007,212) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: November 2, 2001) Examiner: Unassigned
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
COMMUNICATING NETWORK)
TOPOLOGY IN AN OPTICAL)
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

LETTER

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
10/005,433	November 2, 2001	
10/007,224	November 2, 2001	

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does)


NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

1. Co-Pending Letter;
2. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b); and
3. PTO Form 1449 IDS.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449 and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 5th day of March, 2002 in an envelope marked as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mail Label Number EV051634965US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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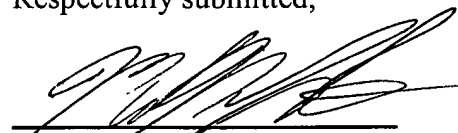
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